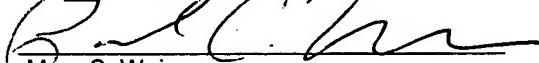


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated August 10, 2007, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Amendments to the Specification;

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Remarks.